

Since its formation, Jonas Salk Elementary has prided itself on providing academically rigorous instruction in a welcoming and safe environment. As one of only two Illinois schools granted this distinction, Jonas Salk Elementary has been recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.

I want to congratulate the students, teachers, and parents of Jonas Salk Elementary School on this truly impressive achievement. This recognition reflects no small amount of time and effort, and I look forward to the continued success of this distinguished institution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
KATHLEEN WEBER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Kathleen Weber, who passed away on January 18, 2020, at the age of 75 after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in Santa Rosa on August 27, 1944, Kathleen was raised by her father who worked in the insurance industry and her mother who designed costumes for the Santa Rosa Junior College theater program. She met and fell in love with Ed Weber at in the theater program at Santa Rosa Junior College and married him in 1964. Kathleen worked in the medical field and the former Mattei Brothers clothing store, before embarking on what became an outstanding and renowned baking career.

Kathleen's father-in-law introduced her to baking bread on his personal wood-burning oven. This quickly became a full-time hobby for Kathleen, which blossomed into a profession through study under renowned brick-oven baker Alan Scott. The Webers fashioned their own oven based on Mr. Scott's design, and proceeded to launch a business that has since been credited with renewing the appeal of slow-rise bread regionally. Their biggest break came when they became the bread supplier to Thomas Keller, world famous chef and owner of French Laundry restaurant. Mr. Keller later became a close friend and collaborator with the Webers.

In 2004, the Webers opened Della Fattoria as a breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch restaurant where Kathleen worked tirelessly to welcome patrons and give back to her hometown community. Around 2016, the Webers' son, Chef Aaron, started a prix-fixe dinner menu focusing on the farm-to-table method Kathleen had started with Della Breads, and in 2018, added to it a full dinner menu. In 2019, Della Fattoria undertook a large dining hall expansion onto two adjacent properties, and their daughter, Elisa, oversaw the interior design and fabrication of the furniture, making the business venture another full family effort.

One of the first on the West Coast to commercially produce bread using the brick oven process, Kathleen and her family took local door-to-door offerings into a regional and high demand delicacy. She became a published author with "Della Fattoria Bread," a recipe book seeking to make high-quality baking more accessible to the home cook. In addition to her culinary contributions to the community

and support of the local food movement and local business chamber, Kathleen's public service expanded to include providing meals to first responders in Petaluma during the Sonoma County wildfires. She is credited for always looking for new ways to get Petaluma on the map.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Ed, her two children Aaron and Elisa, and her two grandsons Jakob and Samuel. While she will be greatly missed by many, Kathleen Weber's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on this community and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A.
LINDBERGH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AS IT IS NAMED A 2019
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The school's impact on the children of our community is worthy of commendation.

Located in Dearborn, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a cornerstone of our Michigan community. The school is dedicated to helping students reach their full potential as empathetic, balanced, and goal-oriented leaders who strive to effect change and make meaningful contributions to their communities. With a focus on cultivating strong relationships, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary builds a positive and supportive school culture that helps students gain the confidence they need to embrace academics and accomplish anything they set out to achieve.

The National Blue Ribbon Award is a prestigious honor, only bestowed upon the most outstanding schools. By inspiring children to achieve greatness by learning and leading every day, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a deserving recipient of this great honor. Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary has made a difference in our community and continues to be a place where students, educators, and families work together to create a safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous program that promotes success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. The award is a testament to the exceptional guidance of its teachers and staff who work every day to ensure quality educational experiences, achievement outcomes, and success for each and every student. I am grateful for the school's profound impact on our community and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF DONNETTE
PETERSEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Green River resident Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

Donnette has been a Green River resident for much of her life. She has been a staple of the Green River community and was known as quite the cook when she was younger and would host large dinner parties with friends. Donnette has been an example to her community and that was evidenced by the outpouring of support at her birthday parties. This is a wonderful time to celebrate Donnette and thank her for her contributions to Green River and the great state of Wyoming.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE CAREER OF BILL
FREY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the heroes of the fight for decent housing and meaningful opportunity for every American—my role model, my former boss, and my friend, Bill Frey. Bill will attempt to retire from Enterprise Community Partners at the end of January after three decades of shaping that institution, mentoring generations of committed leaders and improving the lives of countless Americans. I say attempt, because Bill's soul-deep commitment to fighting the world's fight and to servant leadership will not fade with the passage of time.

Enterprise's need, and the respect Bill commands in the world of community development, may conspire to make Bill's attempt at retirement a rare failure for a man who has achieved everything, and always for others.

Bill's deep commitment to selfless service, his unusual humility, and his intuitive sense for gentle leadership is leavened by an impish humor that makes Bill irresistible to all, from the formerly homeless new renter to the senior banking executive, to the faith and community leaders that he empowered and supported across a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, the years in which I worked for Bill Frey were years of inspiration, learning and always laughter. I grew immeasurably watching Bill's steady hand, his courageous personal fights, and the example he set for so many of us.

I'm not going to say I will miss him, because as I said, I suspect he's not really going anywhere. And even if he does manage to spend more time with his wonderful family and growing collection of grandchildren, his legacy touched so many of us forever. Thank you, Bill.